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1. THIS PAST WEEK MAREI ASKED HANS DALL SERVE AS COORDINATOR NGO ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WFC. LATTER, HOWEVER, SEES TASK AS ALMOST HOPELESS IN LIGHT ECOSOC REQUEST TO INVITE TO CONFERENCE ALL NGOS IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH ECOSOC AND FAO PLUS OTHERS WHICH MIGHT HAVE SPECIFIC CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE. THIS LITERALLY MEANS HUNDREDS OF ORGANIZATIONS. DALL STATES THERE IS NO PLAN TO HOLD ANY GLOBAL OR SPECIAL SESSION FOR NGOS AND NO REPEAT NO MEETING SCHEDULED FOR ROME IN SEPTEMBER.

2. THOUGHT IS BEING GIVEN TO REGIONAL GET-TOGETHERS BUT APART FROM NORTH AMERICAN AND EUROPE IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE ARRANGE ANYTHING MEANINGFUL IN SHORT TIME REMAINING. DALL ADVISED FODAG OF JULY 4 INTER-AGENCY MEETING IN GENEVA WHICH BEING CALLED LARGELY FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING WHAT WFC SECRETARIAT CAN DO TO ENSURE NGO INPUT INTO THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE.

3. SOME NGOS INCLUDING DRAPER COALITION AND IFAP EXPECTED PARTICIPATE GENEVA MEETING. COMPLICATING OVERALL NGO
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SITUATION IS FACT THERE CAN BE NO MORE THAN THIRTY (30) SEATS ALLOCATED FOR NGO OBSERVERS IN NOVEMBER.

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4. WITH REGARD AGRO-INDUSTRY, DALL SAID IN COOPERATION WITH INDUSTRY COOPERATIVE PROGRAM, MASSEY-FERGESON, HAS AGREED FINANCE A WORKSHOP TO BE HELD IN TORONTO SEPTEMBER 9, 10 AND 11. ONE HOPE IS WORKSHOP WILL SELECT PERSON(S) REPRESENT THIS SECTOR AT WFC. UNDERSTAND AROUND 100 PEOPLE EXPECTED ATTEND WORKSHOP.VOLPE

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